

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2026**

[Board Meeting Agenda](#) (including links to packet materials)  
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**1. Call to Order**

President Larry Olson called the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the NMCWD office, Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie.

Managers Present: Larry Olson, Chris-Ann Lauria, Brian Kirk, Bob Cutshall, and Peggy Kvam.

Advisors Present: Michael McKinney (Barr Engineering Co.) and Michael Welch (Smith Partners)

Staff Present: Erica Sniegowski (Administrator), Elizabeth Boor (Grant and Project Coordinator), Rashi DaSilva (Greencorps Member),\* Brett Eidem (Project and Planning Manager), Michelle Jordan (Administrative Specialist), Cynthia Rubio (Watershed Technician),\* Zach Stafslie (Regulatory Manager), Jordan Wein (Water Resources Project Manager), Gael Zembal (Education & Outreach Coordinator)

Guest Present: Emily Johanneck, Michael\*

*\* attended virtually*

**2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda**

**MOTION:** Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Kvam, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

**3. Public Open Forum**

No members of the public spoke during the forum.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes, February 4, 2026 Board Workshop**
- b. **Minutes, February 18, 2026 Board Meeting**
- c. **Cost Share Grants**
- d. **Community Advisory Committee Appointment**

**MOTION:** Manager Cutshall moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

5. **Action Items**

a. **Herbicide Treatment Contract**

**MOTION:** Manager Kvam moved, seconded by Manager Lauria, to authorize the administrator, on the advice of legal counsel, to enter into contract with PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. for not-to-exceed \$44,984.44, and to approve change orders not to exceed 10 percent in aggregate of the contract amount. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

b. **Letters of Interest for Professional Services**

**MOTION:** Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to authorize the administrator to solicit letters of interest from professional and technical service providers, and to appoint Manager Kvam and Manager Olson to review letters of interest with the administrator and bring recommendations to the board. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

6. **Treasurer's Report**

**MOTION:** Manager Kirk moved, seconded by Manager Cutshall, to accept the treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills as presented. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

7. **Discussion Items**

a. **Sediment Treatment Update**

Erica Sniegowski said no bids were received for sediment treatments on Lake Rose and Mirror Lake. Staff are working with the engineers to investigate options for next steps.

b. **Draft 2025 Annual Audit**

- i. **Draft 2025 Governance Letter**
- ii. **Draft 2025 Audit**

Ms. Sniegowski presented the draft annual audit and took questions from the board, and noted that the finding in the audit pertaining to failure to obtain a broker's certificate has already been rectified. The final audit will be brought to the board for consideration in April.

**c. Draft 2025 Annual Report**

Gael Zembal presented the draft annual report and took comments from the board. The final report will be brought to the board for consideration in April.

**d. Regulatory & Rules Updates**

Zach Stafslie presented the process for updating the district's rules and potential rule changes that may be considered. The managers noted an interest in continuing to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the regulatory program.

**e. 2026 Workplan Milestones**

Ms. Sniegowski presented highlights of the district workplan for 2026.

**8. Updates**

**a. Administrator's Report**

**b. Staff Reports**

**c. Administratively Approved Permits & Inspection Report**

**d. Engineer's Report**

**e. Attorney's Report**

**e. Managers' Reports**

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Manager Lauria moved, seconded by Manager Kirk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. **Upon vote, the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Chris-Ann Lauria (Apr 18, 2026 18:56:55 CDT)

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Chris-Ann Lauria, Secretary